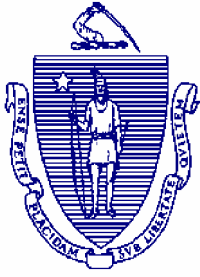


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, March 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Announcements

Robert C. Haas Appointed New Secretary Of Public Safety

On March 6, 2006 Robert C. Haas was named the new Secretary of Public Safety by Governor Mitt Romney. The current Secretary of Public Safety Edward Flynn is resigning effective March 17 to become the police commissioner for the city of Springfield.

“Robert Haas has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and emergency management,” Romney said. “He will be a strong advocate for continued improvements within the secretariat, and his experience, professionalism and knowledge make him the right person for the job.”

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops

Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau, 2006 Statewide Bicycle Helmet Distribution Program

Proposal Deadline: March 13, 2006

The Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety, is announcing the availability of up to 10,000 bicycle helmets for a one-time distribution to a maximum of 175 Massachusetts communities and organizations. The helmet distribution program aims to help reduce bicycle, skateboard, roller-blade, and scooter-related fatalities and injuries.

For more information: www.mass.gov/ghsb

2005 Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge (MLEC)

Proposal Deadline: April 14, 2006

The Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge (MLEC) is a joint effort of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau. This awards program recognizes the efforts of police departments to reduce motor vehicle related fatalities, injuries, and economic loss in communities by combining traffic enforcement with public education.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops

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EOPS Funding Opportunities

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Mini-Grant Program

New Application Deadline: March 10, 2006

The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is now accepting concept papers for potential funding under the mini-grant initiative for the federal Fiscal Year 2005 Byrne JAG Program. Under the mini-grant program, state, local, and private non-profit agencies are eligible to make an abbreviated presentation of their ideas to compete for grants, ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000, to implement low to moderate cost, short term (1 year or less) projects.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding

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BulletProof Vest Program

Application Deadline: May 15, 2006

Funding is currently available for the FY2006 State Bulletproof Vest Program (BVP) and we encourage all eligible departments with outstanding receipts to apply for reimbursement. This program is intended to provide matching funds to all police departments that have applied or will apply for reimbursement under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Federal BulletProof Vest Partnership Act. Before applying for reimbursement from the State BVP, please be sure that you are eligible for the Federal BVP. Proof of Federal funding approval is a required document in the State BVP application.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding

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Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative

Letter of Intent Deadline: March 31, 2006

Application Deadline: April 14, 2005

This \$11 million grant program was created to support regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention. These multi-disciplinary prevention and intervention approaches may include, but are not limited to, law enforcement approaches such as anti-gang task forces and targeting of enforcement resources through the use of crime mapping; focused prosecution efforts; and programs aimed at successful reintegration for ex-offenders. Grants are anticipated to begin June, 2006 and last one year.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops

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Research Support for the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative

Application Deadline: April 14, 2005

To enhance the effectiveness of the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (CSI), additional grant opportunities are available to provide research support to individual CSI grantees. Up to \$750,000 in Byrne Jag funds will be used for Local Action Research Partner grants. Local Action Research Partners will be funded to provide strategic, analytic, and research support to individual Shannon CSI grantees. EOPS anticipates making several awards to Local Action Research Partners.

EOPS will also fund one Statewide Youth Violence Research Partner up to \$250,000 in Byrne JAG grant funds to share lessons learned across the sites and to assess and document the results achieved by the Shannon CSI grantees. Information on the intended roles and relationships among EOPS, Shannon CSI grantees, Local Action Research Partner grantees, and the Statewide Youth Violence Research Partner is available on the EOPS website.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops

Other Funding Opportunities

2006 State Court Processing Statistics

Application Deadline: March 21, 2006

“The Bureau of Justice Statistics is seeking applications for funding to administer the 2006 State Court Processing Statistics (SCPS) project. SCPS is a recurring data collection project involving the compilation of felony cases processed in 40 large urban counties chosen to be representative of the 75 most populous counties in the U.S. The 75 largest counties account for about 37% of the U.S. population and according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, about half of all reported serious violent crimes in the United States. The data collected includes current arrest charges, demographic characteristics, prior arrests and convictions, criminal justice status at arrest, type of pretrial release or detention, bail amount, court appearance record, adjudication outcome, and sentence received if convicted.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/html/scps06sol.htm>

Research on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Application Deadline: March 21, 2006

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting proposals to study the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in the United States. The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) describes a constellation of crimes of a sexual nature committed against youthful victims (younger than 18 years old) primarily or entirely for financial or other economic reasons. These crimes include, for example, trafficking for sexual purposes, prostitution, sex tourism, mail-order-bride trade and early marriage, pornography, stripping, and sexual performances. While increased attention to this issue in recent years has led juvenile justice officials to develop a number of prevention and intervention programs aimed at exploited youth in the United States and elsewhere, these strategies have not been evaluated to determine their effectiveness. Investigators may propose studies to address the research question(s) they feel are either most pressing or most likely to provide useful information to the practice and policy communities.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/csecresearch2006.pdf>

Building Community Capacity to Reduce the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Application Deadline: March 21, 2006

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting proposals to expand community capacity to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth (CSEC) in the United States through training and technical assistance for professionals who work with children and youth at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. The successful applicant will plan and deliver training and technical assistance to five-to-seven sites that the applicant will identify (and OJJDP will ratify) as high-need areas. The sites may be cities, metropolitan areas, single states, or multi-state regions. The training and technical assistance will focus on improving community capacity to recognize exploited youth and youth at risk for exploitation, intervene appropriately with and compassionately serve victims, and effectively investigate and prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/csectta2006.pdf>

Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth

Application Deadline: April 17, 2006

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth was established to support the development and enhancement of mentoring programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, and foster care. The initiative seeks to promote collaboration among community organizations and agencies committed to supporting mentoring services for such system involved youth. Its objective is to identify effective mentoring programs and determine how to enhance and expand these approaches for system involved youth. Applicants will assess, develop, implement, and pilot mentoring strategies designed for system involved youth.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/06mentoringinitiative.pdf>

Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth

Application Deadline: April 17, 2006

“The Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth will provide training and technical assistance for the four mentoring sites receiving awards under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth. Grantees will be required to: provide training and technical assistance to the four mentoring sites receiving awards under OJJDP’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth; facilitate the development and use of research-driven training and technical assistance materials by these demonstration sites; foster the use of effective program design elements; assist in identifying, implementing, and sustaining community partnerships; strengthen communication and information sharing among the demonstration sites; and increase the number of adult volunteers and enhance the skills of volunteers and professionals working with these programs.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/ttamentoring06.pdf>

Evaluation of Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth

Application Deadline: April 17, 2006

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Evaluation of Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth grant was established to support a program evaluation that will assess the process and effect of mentoring programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, or foster care. Grantees will be required to: conduct a formal literature review that details previous research on mentoring with disadvantaged youth, conduct a process evaluation for the four mentoring sites receiving awards, and conduct an outcome evaluation for the four mentoring sites receiving awards.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/06mentoringeval.pdf>

Public Awareness in Underserved Communities

Application Deadline: March 21, 2006

“The goal of this Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) program is to raise the awareness of traditionally underserved populations on victims’ rights as well as improve their knowledge on how to access local services available to crime victims. The OVC will support the planning and development of victimization-focused public awareness campaigns targeted at underserved populations with limited English proficiency in the local community. Victim service organizations will work in partnership with ethnic media (radio, print, television) as well as ethnic- and/or faith-based organizations to produce linguistically and culturally appropriate public awareness campaigns on one or more victimization issues.”

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY06_UnderservedAwareness.pdf

Process and Outcome Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T.

Application Deadline: April 25, 2006

“In partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, The National Institute of Justice is soliciting an independent process and outcome evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training program (G.R.E.A.T). The G.R.E.A.T. program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum intended to immunize against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The program consists of a middle school curriculum, an elementary school curriculum, a summer program, and family training. The middle school component is the core, mandatory component. NIJ is soliciting an independent process and outcome evaluation of the program as currently implemented, with a focus on the middle school and family training components of the program.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000743.pdf>

Research and Publications

Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Rape Victimization: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey

The National Institute of Justice

This recently released National Institute of Justice report takes a detailed look at the results of the National Violence Against Women Survey. Prevalence and incidence of rape; rape prevalence among minority populations; rape prevalence by age; characteristics of rape victims, rapists, and rape incidents; injury and health outcomes; and future research questions and recommendations are discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/210346.pdf>

Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2002

The Bureau of Justice Statistics

This BJS report presents data collected from a sample of felony cases filed in the Nation's 75 largest counties during May, 2002. Each case is tracked for up to one year in order to provide a complete overview of the processing of felony defendants, from filing to disposition and sentencing. Current arrest charges, demographic characteristics, prior arrests and convictions, criminal justice status at arrest, type of pretrial release or detention, bail amount, court appearance record, adjudication outcome, and sentence received if convicted are included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/fdluc02.htm>

Innovations in Police Recruitment and Hiring

Community Oriented Policing Services

The Community Policing Consortium did a close examination of law enforcement's best practices to recruit and hire officers and deputies who have the skills and abilities necessary to be effective as community police officers. This report tells the story of each demonstration site and describes the issues that emerged when implementing significant change in existing processes to recruit and select law enforcement officers. It also discusses how each site progressed to meet its goals of hiring service-oriented law enforcement recruits and the challenges this presented.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1655>

How the Justice System Responds to Juvenile Victims: A Comprehensive Model

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This OJJDP bulletin identifies the major elements of the juvenile victim justice system by describing how cases move through it. Each step in the case flow process for child protection and criminal justice systems are discussed as well as the agencies and individuals involved.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/210951.pdf>

National Drug Control Strategy: FY2007 Budget Summary

Office of National Drug Control Policy

The President's FY 2007 Budget Summary details resources for reducing illegal drug use in the United States. Budget amounts by function and by agency, and past funding by function are included in the budget summary tables.

Access full text at: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/policy/07budget/budget07.pdf>

Conferences and Trainings

National Trends in Adolescent Violence Prevention

Registration Deadline March 8, 2006

March 22, 2006 in Topsfield, MA

This conference, sponsored by the Office of the Essex County District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, is a one-day training that will help participants develop comprehensive knowledge on adolescent violence prevention strategies and the effects of media violence on children. The registration fee is \$30.

For further information: <http://www.mass.gov/da/essex/conference/2006sch.htm>

Effective Decision Making for a Safer America: Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing

March 13-15, 2006 in Washington, DC

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, present the opportunity to learn from the experts, interact with peers, and take home the latest ideas, tools and techniques on information sharing for the justice, public safety and homeland security communities. Sessions topics fall into the following categories: planning, analysis, implementation, and technology.

For further information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006symposium/agenda/>

Mental Health Response to Mass Violence and Terrorism

March 21-23, 2006 in Houston, TX

This training, sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), teaches mental health providers, crime victim assistance professionals, faith-based counselors, chaplains, and others in direct contact with victims what they need to know to provide appropriate mental health support following incidents of criminal mass victimization. Sessions fall into the following categories: human responses to mass violence and terrorism; mental health intervention; organizational response to mass violence and terrorism and the mental health role; and stress prevention, management, and intervention.

For further information: <http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/events.cfm?EventType=OVCTraining&FuseAction=ShowEvent&StartDate=03/21/2006&EventCity=Houston>

33rd National Conference on Juvenile Justice

March 26-29, 2006 in Denver, CO

The 33rd National Juvenile Justice Conference is presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorney's Association. Conference registration is open to all Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Counsel, Police, Juvenile Officers, Probation Officers, Correction Workers, Aftercare Workers, Detention Workers, Victims Service Workers, School Administrators, Teachers, Child Welfare Personnel, Planners, Legislators, PTA and Community Resource Groups, School Boards, Social Workers, Private Service Providers, Guardians ad Litem, and all other interested groups and persons. Session topics include: performance measures for the juvenile justice system, ethics, school violence prevention, information sharing strategies, parental responsibility, and mentoring at-risk youth.

For further information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/dept/cp/pdf/jj06%20brochure%20for%20web.pdf>

Strategy Development Workshop

March 27-30, 2006 in Birmingham, AL

The Community Capacity Development Office of the US Department of Justice is hosting this Strategy Development Workshop for Weed and Seed sites in the various stages of planning and implementation. This event will help weed and seed grantees improve and strengthen resources and partnerships. Application and budget sessions will also be included for communities seeking funding in the upcoming year.

For further information: <http://www.ccdconferences.org/strategydevelopment/>

Correctional Education Association 2006 Leadership Forum: Proven Strategies for Accountability & Success

March 26-28, 2006 in Annapolis, MD

The Correctional Education Association is presenting the Leadership Forum, which will feature workshop presentations from various states on how promising programs in the field have been developed and how those programs are demonstrating success for accountability purposes. Topics will focus on how to work with policy makers and administrators to communicate accountability and success to various audiences.

For further information: <http://www.ceanational.org/>

2006 Criminal Justice Research Symposium: The Impact of Evaluation

April 3-4, 2006 in Harrisburg, PA

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency presents this opportunity to discuss how to use evaluation to turn research into action. Topics include: how to submit an evaluation/research proposal; defining goals, objectives and outcomes consistent with your program expectations; risk/needs assessment; youth violence reduction; and police probation partnerships.

For further information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/pccd/index.htm>

OJJDP 2006 Regional Training Program: Child Fatality Investigations

April 3-7, 2006 in Anchorage, AK

This OJJDP training will provide law enforcement, child protective services workers, medical professionals, and other juvenile justice system professionals with comprehensive training on the detection, intervention, investigation, and prosecution of cases involving fatal child abuse and neglect. Session topics include: an overview and investigation of fatal child abuse and neglect, crime scene and forensic evidence, interviewing/interrogation, medical aspects, prosecution, and case management.

For further information: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=8311&p=list>

OJJDP 2006 Regional Training Program: Protecting Children Online

April 24-28, 2006 in Garden Grove, CA

This OJJDP training is specifically to help law enforcement personnel enhance their ability to investigate computer crimes against children. Sessions topics include: recognizing and identifying computer crimes against children, orientation to computer technology, conducting the investigation, legal issues, case preparation and follow-up, resources, and prevention.

For further information: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=8323&p=list>

In The News

Boston Focuses On Regulating Ammunition Sales

***Boston Globe*, February 13, 2006**

The *Boston Globe* reports that with Boston's firearm violence continuing to surge, police and city officials are looking for new anti-crime tools. These strategies potentially include limiting ammunition sales, recording who buys ammunition, and using a new technology that transfers a gun's serial number onto a bullet's shell casing every time the gun is fired.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/02/13/city_seeks_safeguards_on_sale_of_bullets/

Boston Re-Launches Widely Copied Ceasefire Program

***Boston Globe*, February 16, 2006**

According to the *Boston Globe*, Boston police officers, probation officers, ministers, and social workers met this past month with young gang members and other high-risk youth to try to scare them straight as part of Operation Ceasefire. The meeting marked the relaunch of Operation Ceasefire, which was developed in the early 1990's to combat youth violence.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/02/16/city_hopes_gangs_will_be_scared_straight/

"Gun Courts" are Launched to Reduce Street Strife

***Boston Globe*, February 22, 2006**

According to the *Boston Globe*, the Suffolk county District Attorney's Office launched new "gun courts" to cut down the time it takes to resolve gun cases in some of Boston's highest-crime areas. The new courts should allow greater efficiency and a more uniform strategy of gun case prosecution.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/02/22/gun_courts_are_launched_to_reduce_street_strife/

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